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Off-trail snowmobilers seen as threat to entire Bethel-area network



'TRAIL CLOSED, PER OWNER' — Robert Lowell puts yet another sign on a detour created by someone cutting brush around a barrier intended to keep traffic off a 'renegade trail' in Locke Mills.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"It's getting harder and harder," said Robert Lowell, to maintain the delicate balance between landowners and snowmobilers that makes the local snowmobile-trail system possible.

Lowell, vice president of the Greenstock SnowSports Snowmobile Club, has been grooming Bethel area trails for 40 years.

He was out Saturday to place a "Trail closed per landowner" sign.

In this case it was not the first placed on the trail in question, a short (less than a mile long) spur that leaves the rest of the local system in Locke Mills, about a quarter mile west of Howe Hill Road, and dead ends on Beech Road, just above the Mt. Abram condos.

The snowmobile club grooms and/or maintains approximately 100 miles of local trails, but this was no longer part of that network.

It had been groomed in the past, but not for at least five years, according to club operations manager Rick Young.

It was instead a "renegade trail," discontinued and no longer marked or shown on the club's trail map.

And such situations present potentially serious liability problems for the landowners.

Each year Maine snowmobile clubs submit their trail maps to the state Department of Conservation, which in turn maintains a blanket liability policy, covering landowners who allow snowmobile trails to run over their

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'Fortunately, most of our landowners have been very tolerant, but that can change at any point. We kind of live on borrowed time.'

GARY OKENQUIST

President, Greenstock SnowSports Snowmobile Club

Fifth-graders and friends tackle fly-tying

By ALISON ALOISIO

Thanks to the many high-tech devices that surround them, members of the current "younger generation" are often stereotyped as a group that functions on instant gratification.

But at the Crescent Park Elementary School this winter, a dozen of them proved they could find satisfaction in a traditional craft that demands time and patience — fly-tying.

John Wight, a retired Gould Academy teacher, and several other members of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited brought their decades of fly-tying skills to CPS in a six-week class.

While at Gould, Wight taught the skill to teenagers. Last fall, he suggested to the TU board that they offer an after-school class in SAD 44.

"I got an overwhelming response, and lots of volunteers," he said.

When Wight contacted CPS fifth-grade teacher Marie Keane, a Registered Maine Guide, she, too, was enthusiastic.

Nine fifth-graders and three Telstar Middle School students signed up. Wight limited the enrollment to 12 to ensure enough individual instruction. He was assisted by instructors Dick Walther, Gerry Nelson, Jim Mullen and Aldro French.

Several youngsters said they decided to participate because a relative had tied flies.

"I signed up because when my dad was younger he used to do fly tying," said Kyle Col-

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2011 annual town meetings

Full plate awaits Andover voters

By ALISON ALOISIO

An increase in hours for the town treasurer, and an increase in the Med-Care budget.

Upgrades to the Farmer's Hill Road, and to the town's computer software.

The future of the Grimaldi recreation field, and of wind power in the region.

Those are a few of the issues Andover residents will con-

sider at the March 19 Town Meeting.

The proposed municipal budget is \$577,841, said select-board Chair Susan Merrow, up from last year's \$520,000.

But, Merrow noted, the budget is still significantly lower than several previous years, such as the \$633,000 of two years ago. The current mill rate is 10.43.

After finding that Treasur-

er Barbara Simmons' duties over the past year have required an average of 20 hours a week instead of the allotted 10, selectmen are proposing to double the hours and the annual compensation (from \$6,967 to \$13,934).

The board also recommends paying her \$2,000 for extra hours worked over the past year.

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Newry OK's all warrant articles

By ALISON ALOISIO

In about an hour Monday evening, 38 Newry residents approved all 39 articles on the annual town meeting warrant and re-elected three incumbent officials.

The largest financial items in the \$826,490 budget included \$160,000 (from Capital Improvement) for rebuilding the

Paine Bridge on the Branch Road, \$135,500 for Highways and Bridges, \$134,608 for sanitation, \$238,888 for administration and salaries, \$64,500 for fire protection and \$65,686 for a fire truck payment.

The Grange Hall Account increased by \$5,000 to \$11,500, for improvements to the basement and boiler room.

Voters approved taking \$75,000 from Unappropriated Surplus to reduce taxes.

In a report given under the warrant article to fund various community assistance organizations, Craig Zurhorst of Western Maine Transportation said figures compiled just

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Wind-farm developer offers \$120,000 toward saving teaching slots

By TERRY KARKOS

Sun Media Group

A Massachusetts-based wind developer announced early Friday evening that it has offered to donate \$120,000 to SAD 44 to save three teaching jobs at Woodstock Elementary School.

Todd Presson, chief operations officer of Patriot Renewables LLC in Quincy, confirmed the gift but was unsure of the process that either the school district or town must go through to use the money as intended.

"We had been looking for ways for a while now at becoming part of the community of Woodstock, where we've been for a couple of years de-

veloping (a wind farm)," Presson said.

On Oct. 5, 2010, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection approved a land-use permit for Patriot Renewables to build 10 wind turbines and the necessary power lines and access roads along the ridgeline of Spruce Mountain. Presson said the project coordinator, Tom Carroll, attended a few meetings of the school's Parents-Teachers Association, and asked if there was anything the company could do to work with the community.

"One of the PTA members looked at him — and this was

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AND THERE

WILL BE MORE YEARS ...

of something, promised Chris Marshall, explaining Wednesday why he made the decision to close the Round Pond Corner Store in Locke Mills last week. He and his wife, Charlotte, are exploring a variety of options, he said. It's a great business site, and it's not going away." But for now, Marshall quipped, "I'm tired, and I'm going home." He echoed his predecessor, Bob Coolidge, who sold him the business in 2001, saying "42 years of 75 hours a week is enough." The site has been occupied by some form of retail business since 1945, when Ray Langway bought a cabin up the road in Bethel, had it dragged to Locke Mills, and opened up shop, according to local historian Blaine Mills. Mills' father, Lee, operated a store there for more than 40 years, back in the day "when they sold everything, groceries, hardware, guns, fishing equipment, working clothes. It was like a mini Longleys, stuff you couldn't get anywhere else."

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Letters

VULNERABLE TO NEGATIVE IMPACT

To the Editor:

We chose Bethel for our "retirement" for its quality of life and natural beauty. That's why the asphalt plant issue is critically important to us. We came from an area where that was not the case. At one time Beacon, N.Y., was beautiful, but all that was devastated by the "imperatives" of industry and unscrupulous politics. We felt confident that Bethel would not succumb to those influences and we didn't think we'd have to act to defend our new town so soon.

We have partnered here in a small business, Maine Mineralogy Expeditions at Bethel Outdoor Adventure, located directly across Mayville Road from the North Road intersect. We broke even last year after three years of real struggle. We three partners have invested our hopes and what remains of our reserves in the concept of serving a broad and unique segment of the "Outdoor Activities" market.

We invested because we were convinced by the Blaine House initiatives, the Brookings Inst. study and the resulting development programs centered on marketing Maine's truly unique "Quality Of Place."

We are not unique in our convictions. They are shared by a major fraction of local businesses and have inspired serious investment in related features, such as the planned Mining and Mineralogy Museum on Main Street.

We're all poised to take advantage of economic recovery when that becomes reality, but we are also extremely vulnerable to any negative impacts.

That is the basis for our urgent plea to the Planning Board and our citizens to take particular pains to weigh heavily the economic, aesthetic, and harmony aspects as stated in 140-1.A, B, C, and D in our Town Code when considering development proposals.

Seabury and Sharon Lyon
Bethel

PROGRAM ON BAT HIBERNATION

To the Editor:

The third Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge program of our 10th anniversary year of this series will feature "Bat Hibernation in Maine" on Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Rumford Library Community Room.

David Yates of Biodiversity Research will elaborate on the fact that two out of three Maine bat caves are located in Rumford. He will speak about basic bat biology and conservation issues that bats face.

Yates is a Unity College graduate with a degree in environmental sciences with emphasis in wildlife biology. He has a M.Sc. in environmental studies with emphasis in conservation biology from Antioch University. His presentation will dispel often-held myths and fears that a surprising number of people believe.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is pleased to offer these programs to the public free of charge. Donations are accepted to help defray our expenses.

Frank Vogt
Board Member, Mahoosuc Land Trust

TAX ERROR IN ANDOVER REPORT

To the Editor:

Please note that the following Property Taxes were paid by Dec. 31, 2010 — Deirdre Cavanagh, Floyd Emerson, Jr., Sandra L. Wainwright, Robert O'Donnell, Andrew Phillips, Lester Richardson, Larry White, Marilyn White — and were inadvertently included in the unpaid list. I apologize for the error.

Melinda Averill
Andover Tax Collector

'HOT AND COLD' TIPS AND TALK

To the Editor:

In these days of high interest and energy saving, I would like to call readers attention to an excellent radio call-in program called "Hot and Cold" that has been on the air in the Bangor area for a number of years.

It has a large following of homeowners, trades people, technicians and others. The presenter is Tom Goczke who has wide experience in the building trades, insulation problems and working with heating and cooling systems.

His partner on the program is Professor Dick Hill, a retired professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Maine.

Professor Hill came to the University 64 years ago, and has a wealth of information on all phases of energy use and conservation, and a lot of experience with wood burning. The program occasionally has speakers on septic systems, pest control and other related subjects.

If Tom or Dick don't have the answers, often a trades person will call in with one.

The program originates at WVOM 103.9 Bangor and can be picked up on 101.3 FM Augusta, running from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

Professor Hill is on the second hour.
(Bethel is about on the fringe of reception for the Augusta station and sometimes fades out on my truck radio.)
Remember to turn on your radio on Saturday!

Richard A. Hale
Bethel

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WATERFORD LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATIONS

To the Editor:

The Waterford Library will be closed for renovations March 21 through April 2. Books borrowed in March will not be due till the library reopens. Patrons are asked not to return books for the two weeks that the library is closed.

The library will gratefully accept donations for the summer book sale after the library reopens in April. Please do not bring book donations to the library till then.

Dorthe Hillquist
Librarian

HEALTHY HEARTS 5K

To the Editor:

The River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition has decided to commence their winter program of Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days with the Healthy Hearts 5K Run/Walk on May 15 in Rumford.

"We have been thinking of ways to help continue our participants on a path of wellness and at the same time, raise money for our Heart Walk program," noted RVHCC Administrative Assistant Sandra Witas. "After participating in the Go in the Snow 5K event for Pam Redstone, I realized how many people have chosen running as their new form of exercise. Our group decided that we needed to do something to cater to that category of fitness and pull in more participants to help benefit a great cause. I don't know why we didn't think of it before."

The 3.1-mile/5-kilometer event will take place through the streets of Rumford on Sunday, May 15. Individuals, families, clubs and businesses interested in walking or running are asked to visit www.active.com/running/rumford-me/healthy-hearts-5k-runwalk-2011 or stop by the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition office at 94 River Street for an entry form.

The first 100 registered will get a t-shirt to commemorate the first, of what is hoped to be, an annual event. Also being given away that day will be hearty bags filled with local coupons and information to help guide you toward a healthy lifestyle.

Participants are encouraged to build teams and wear a unified color, bring your strollers and instill a life-long sense of fitness and health in your youngsters.

Available on race day, for as long as supplies last, will be a seedling ready to be transplanted to your favorite garden spot. What better way to get healthy and continue heart healthy choices through the summer than through the growth of your own vegetables.

The funds raised will benefit the American Heart Association in an effort to support projects like putting up-to-the-minute research into doctors' hands so they can better prevent and treat heart disease among patients. Will help fund groundbreaking pediatric heart and stroke research. About 36,000 babies are born with heart defects each year. Research is the key to saving babies' lives.

And, last but not least, getting life-saving information to those who need it most. Information that can save a life; like how to eat better, how to recognize the warning signs of heart attack, and how to talk to a doctor about critical health choices.

A few facts about heart disease from the American Heart Association: Heart disease is killing people from Maine in increasingly frightening numbers. Last year alone, over 4,000 Mainers died from heart disease. That's one in every 330 residents of our state. And more than 25,000 Mainers are living with heart disease. That's one in every 50. Odds are, a few of them are people you know. A friend, a family member, a loved one.

About the American Heart Association: The American Heart Association's (AHA) mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of men and women and the leading birth defect in Maine.

The American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Our mission is to build healthier lives by preventing, treating and defeating these diseases — America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. We fund cutting-edge research, conduct lifesaving public and professional educational programs, and advocate to protect public health.

To learn more or join us in helping all Americans, call (800) AHA-USA1 or visit americanheart.org.

Cherri Crockett
Bethel

IDEAS FOR 'BETHEL'S NEXT BIG WINTER PROJECT'

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber is notorious for creating spectacular projects that have brought our community a great deal of positive media attention. Most people do not realize the amount of time and effort that is required in the planning of these projects — and we have found that starting the planning early is essential to their success.

We have enjoyed consistent support from a small core group of volunteers — led by Jim Sysko, and we would like to cast a wider net to others who may want to participate in a brainstorming session for "Bethel's Next Big Winter Project." All are invited to attend a short 90-minute meeting for this purpose on Tuesday, March 29, from 5 to 6:30 at the Funky Red Barn. Light refreshments will be available.

The chamber wishes to thank Jim Sysko and crew for their tireless efforts on the Ice Tower this year. The positive marketing value of this project in ad equivalency was tremendous, including three hours of live coverage by WMTW-TV! We also had the opportunity to showcase the community's partnership with Mt. Abram Resort, as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

Additional thanks are extended to our WinterFest Title Sponsor, Norway Savings Bank, who continues to support our projects and believes that what the chamber does is important to both business prosperity and community life.

So, whether you have participated on any of the chamber's committees in the past or not, we welcome your creativity and positive energy in the future. Please attend our meeting on March 29.

Kevin Rosenberg
Bethel WinterFest chairman, Bethel Area Chamber Board of Directors

'Celladore'
From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment Eight
The First Year, Settling In

Over some of the doors was a wooden pole from which hung portieres, looped back with brass chains. They were once used in wintertime to keep out cold. "I haven't seen these for years," said Miss Fan with a gleam in her eyes.

"Do you want them?" said I. She did, we took them down and piled them on her suitcase. She refilled the pots that we had been using to heat water, and put some wood in the stove. The kitchen with its north-south breeze through was still not uncomfortably hot. She didn't seem tired yet, so we went upstairs.

At the top was a tiny hall, really a landing. Off this were three bedrooms, all with cross ventilation and a walk-in closet, an unexpected bonus in an old house. There was a large bathroom, evidently made from a bedroom; from this a door into another bedroom over the kitchen, beyond that the shed attic. The attic was filled too, but we did not stop to poke about there, but came back into the hall. "Well," said Miss Fan, "the upstairs isn't too cluttered, but I counted eight beds." And I had brought with me four beds, a folding bed, a chaise lounge and two antique sofas, the kind that go at the foot of a canopy bed to turn the bedding back over. Beds we would not be lacking. "What's behind this door in the hall; we haven't looked there," said Miss Fan.

"Open it and see." She did. Half of the area made by the sloping roof had been used for the bedroom closet. The rest of it was here, a space filled with boxes, pillows, linens. I knew that Miss Fan was pining to take everything out and see if there were any treasures, but I didn't feel that I could bear to have anything more strewn about. I heard a rattle, looked out the window. B.B. was unloading a mowing machine.

"Heavens," said Miss Fan, "we must get back downstairs. B.B. will be wanting his lunch."

On the way I saw my teakettle perched on a box of books, snatched it up. This, at least, could go on the stove where it belonged, one thing would be in order. We stood in the kitchen. Even Miss Fan was temporarily stumped as to just how one unpacked in a kitchen without one single cupboard. She offered to wash the windows. My mind was racing; I went back over the house, looking for something that would serve for a cupboard. There was nothing, only a tall, narrow walnut Victorian something. There was a shelf for a few books over a tiny desk section, some glass-enclosed shelves. There wouldn't be room enough for kitchen stapes; it wasn't worth the time of emptying it and moving it downstairs. (Later on when I got into the swing of the barter system, I traded it with Walter Clark for a painting. (He could use it for his mineral collection.) Stumbling over a curly maple side rail of the Capen Hill bed, I had a flash of memory of the big cellar in that house. Down there everyone had preserve cupboards, tall, wide, deep, sturdy enough to hold dozens of jars of fruits and pickles for winter use. There used to be three cupboards down there.

"Is Elizabeth still home?" I asked Miss Fan. Elizabeth was a young cousin, home from California with her now ex-navy husband and small child. They were getting ready to move to an unfurnished apartment in the city.

"Yes," said Miss Fan, "and she's dying to get up here and see your house, but she doesn't want to bother you."

"I'm going to invite her to come this afternoon," I said. Miss Fan looked very startled, but pleased.

"I'd better hurry and get lunch and get my dress changed and be ready," she said. I had learned it was good to try new behavior. I would try it. We had twelve proper bedsteads, five sofas, a folding bed and an uncounted stack of iron cots in the north room besides the unknown in the attic. If only Elizabeth needed a bed, maybe I could trade with her for one of those cupboards in the cellar. They had a deep-freeze now. I knew that B.B. would not approve but he was not within hearing distance. I marched to the phone with the resolution of battle in my heart and boldly stated what I wanted, then faltering a bit, I hesitatingly asked if Elizabeth could use a bed. She could, she needed one desperately as Sandy was getting too big for her crib. I invited her to come and look about this afternoon, and added for her to come in her father's pickup in case she found anything she wanted.

At lunch, Miss Fan waited on B.B. assiduously. He complimented her for such a fine meal under adverse conditions. "It would be a help," said Miss Fan, "if we could get some of these boxes out from under foot. Besides, it's too bad to leave your nice books here in the kitchen. I saw an empty bookcase out in the shed; if you would bring it in, I would take care of your books." B.B. knew Miss Fan of old. A book-lover she was not. His eyes began to twinkle.

Our
Back
Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A special gathering in honor of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the railroad at Bethel was held at the former "Potato John" Swan barn on Railroad Street. The Greenwood Town Hall and the Andover Hook and Ladder Co. building were entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

The 29th annual Sunday River Langlauf Cross-Country ski race was held at the Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center.

Birth: Jacob William Fagan.

Deaths: Myrtle Heikkinen, John T. Grover, Ralph P. Stinson, Sr., Cyndi L. Leroux.

20 years ago: Dale Bellman was approved by Bethel selectmen as the town's new police chief.

Deaths: Abbie B. Valley, Rev. E. Millett Cummings, Romaine E. Bouchard.

30 years ago: Gould Academy moved the Zallen house from its location at the rear of the Thunderbird Motel to a new foundation on lower Elm Street.

The Telstar Drama Club presented O. Henry's one act play, "The Cop and the Anthem."

Sgt. Eric Wight of the Maine Warden Service spoke at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club.

Telstar senior Eric Hastings and junior Virginia Kelly were selected to represent the East in the Junior National Cross Country Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y.

40 years ago: The Theatre Arts Department at Gould Academy, under the direction of Frank Vogt, presented "The Glass Menagerie."

John Nowlin's barn roof fell in with the weight of the snow.

Births: Karen Louise Ruokola, Penny Sue Brown, Alicia Marie Jodrey, Debra Lisa Morton.

Deaths: William Earle Graves, Jr., Philip B. Craig.

50 years ago: The South Paris High School winter carnival interclass events were held at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes.

Birth: Thomas Frank Williamson.

Death: Henry W. Boyker.

60 years ago: The new plant of E. L. Tebbets at Locke Mills was in operation. It replaced the mill destroyed by fire in February 1950.

Pvt. Elmer H. (Sonny) Bean was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Birth: Henry Deegan.

Deaths: Merton A. Holt, Robert I. Wheeler, Dr. George F. Shurtleff.

70 years ago: Harold Fuller of Upton was kidnapped by two men and left tied to a stanchion in the barn at the unoccupied farm buildings of Harlan Kimball on the Bog Road. Overcome by the men at Grafton when he was taking them to Bethel in his car, he was trussed up in the back of the car and taken to Norway before started for Berlin. He gnawed his ropes loose and arrived at the home of Laurence Lord on the Bog road at 3 o'clock in the morning. The car was found abandoned in Berlin, where the men were found a few days later.

Deaths: William H. Crockett, Mrs. Bertha Brooks.

80 years ago: At Bethel's town meeting Frank A. Brown was elected first selectman succeeding Henry W. Boyker, and John H. Howe and Carroll E. Abbott were re-elected second and third selectmen. Appropriations included \$10,000 to pay on bank loans and \$500 to cover the brook near the Naimsey building as ordered by the State Health Department. The treasurer's salary was increased from \$100 to \$200 and Road Commissioner's pay was fixed at \$5 a day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wight of North Newry observed their 62nd wedding anniversary.

90 years ago: Glyndon Sawin and Clarence Philbrook were delegates to the Boys' Conference at Portland accompanied Rev. J. H. Little.

C. M. Kimball observed his 82nd birthday.

100 years ago: Selectmen F. F. Bean, M. L. Thurston, C. E. Barker were re-elected in Bethel. F. J. Russell was elected Road Commissioner at \$3 a day to include a single team.

Death: LaForest Bragg.

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Mindy Evans of Bethel during a ropes training exercise. She was injured Friday while snowmobiling. (Submitted photo)

Responders begin planning Mindy Evans fundraiser

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel Fire and Rescue personnel are responding with support for one of their own, after she was badly injured in a snowmobile accident Friday evening.

Mindy Hale Evans, 30, of West Bethel is an EMT with Bethel Rescue. She was snowmobiling with friends and family on trails off the Flat Road in Bethel when she struck a tree, according to Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey.

Evans, who was alone on the machine, was wearing a helmet, he said. She sustained fractures to her head, neck and spine. Fellow EMTs who live nearby responded immediately, and she was brought from the trail by rescue sled and taken by ambulance to the Bethel airport, where LifeFlight took her to Central Maine Medical Center.

Jodrey said Tuesday that according to family members, Evans was responsive, though heavily sedated, and able to move her extremities.

With doctors cautiously optimistic about her recovery, said Jodrey, the emergency personnel community and other volunteers are starting to plan a fundraising dinner and activities for early April at the Locke Mills Legion Hall.

And for now, donation boxes have been placed around town to help her family with travel expenses back and forth to Lewiston. One such box is located at Mallard Mart, where Evans works.

She has been an EMT for about five years, Jodrey said. Anyone wishing to help with the April event may contact Jodrey.

Fly-tying

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FLY TYERS—John Wight instructs students in the art of tying flies. Seated: Elayna Harrison. Standing: Rebecca Morin, Ben Alford, Wight, Kyle Colby, Tyler Clough, Marta Ople. Other students in the class included Sam Weaver, Hunter Williamson, Kaiya Corriveau, Robert Crockett, Caleb Merrill, Gaelen Boyle-Wight and Reggie Westleigh. For more photos see the story at www.bethelcitizen.com. The nationwide Trout Unlimited organization works to ensure the health of trout, their habitat and the sport of angling. Educating the public, including young people, aids in reaching that goal, Wight said. (Submitted photo)

The instructors started the kids off, said Wight, "with a simple fly and a large hook."

"Such flies are designed to imitate bait fish, such as crayfish and young trout."

"The process was slow at first. It took the entire first class (an hour and a half) for the young fly-tyers to complete their first fly."

But by the end of the second class, many had completed a half dozen of the large flies.

After three classes, they moved on to smaller flies (aquatic insects about to hatch into the flying stage of their lives), and in the end, they created light-weight floating flies.

"As their skills improved, the youngsters also gained understanding of the fish/fly segment of the food chain, learning about species of fish and insects and their habitats."

"The hour and a half flew by," said Wight. "I find if you have people with skills who

can provide them the opportunity to learn to do something, you can get [youngsters] caught up in it."

Comments from the kids at the end of the class show that's exactly what happened.

"I'm looking forward to fishing with my flies," said Elayna Harrison.

"It's fun and I hope they do it again next year for kids to learn," said Kaiya Corriveau.

Wight also wants to offer the class again.

But he also hopes he's not yet done with this group. Come spring, he wants to take at least a few of them out to the waterways to try their hand at fly-casting and, with the help of a magnifying glass, to learn firsthand about the real flies that fish eat.

And he's not done learning himself — thanks to the technology usually associated with his young students.

"I watch You-Tube videos of some really good fly-tyers," he said.

Offer

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in the middle of the budget stress they were having — and said, "Do you have \$120,000?" he said.

"Tom wasn't able to say yes or no at that point, but we thought about it and we'd be happy to help out, basically, if we can go forward with our wind project for Woodstock this spring," Presson said.

He said the company has money budgeted and allocated for legal challenges.

"As long as we don't have any further legal challenges, we can use that money to help the school out, but it sounds like something we should be behind and we'd like to be behind," Presson said.

David Murphy, SAD 44 superintendent, said Wednesday that he had not yet been formally contacted about the offer.

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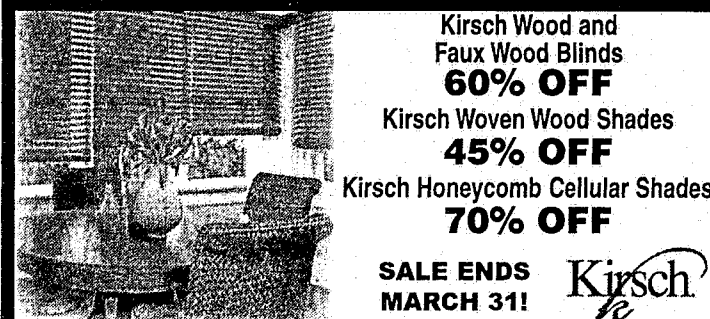
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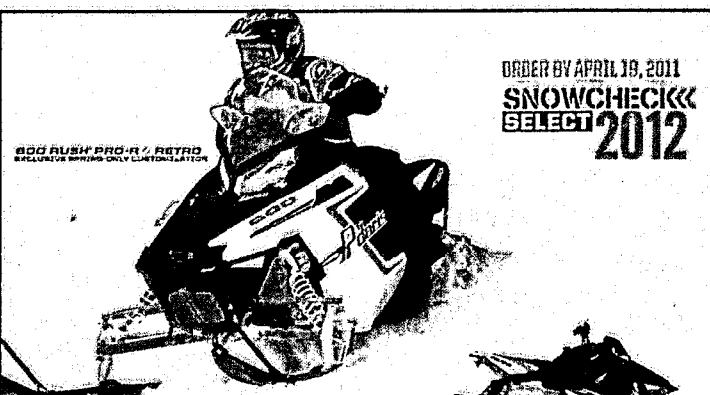
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Trails

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properties. Since the trail Lowell was re-posting Saturday was no longer mapped, the landowner would not be covered if someone using it (even without permission) were to be injured.

"Where it's not a club trail, they could actually sue him," Lowell said.

And this case that's not a strictly hypothetical concern. A short distance beyond the point where Lowell placed the sign Saturday, washouts in recent years have gullied the land across which the trail runs.

Seriously gullied. Young, who in the mid-1980s helped build the trail, said the washout was now so wide and deep, "you could put a full-size pickup in there and not be able to see it."

He worried that a snowmobiler not familiar with the trail and its condition — and, perhaps, having "had a few pops at the lodge and going too fast" — could have a serious accident there, landing himself in the hospital and the landowner in court.

The landowner asked the club to close the trail, to prevent its further use.

Gary Okenquist, club president, said they had little choice but to do so, especially since the landowner also allows the club to maintain another trail elsewhere on his property.

"We were pretty much compelled to act, for two reasons," Okenquist said.

One, he asked us to close the trail. And two, he is a landowner, and we have to oblige our landowners."

The club responded by putting up a mesh barricade.

"But we never got a chance to really gate it, because of so many other priorities that were more important, we thought," Okenquist conceded.

And the mesh has proved no obstacle for snowmobilers intent on using the trail. They simply cut underbrush to the side of the barrier and continue to run the route.

Come summer, Okenquist said, the club plans to bring in a backhoe, and ditch and berm the trail.

But a ditch, or even a gate, is not enough to stop everyone.

"You're always going to have people who try to find a way around it," he said.

"Some may carry a bolt-cutter and cut the chain and lock and open the gate. There's any number of things that people do," he said. "Most of the gates we put up do tend to stay closed, but if somebody is serious about going through they'll find a way around it, which is unfortunate, because obviously that doesn't solve the problem with the landowner."

Club officials and other snowmobilers worry that if those problems are not resolved, or they continue to worsen, landowners will eventually say "enough," and that will be the end of snowmobiling as we know it in the Bethel area.

"One large landowner, and we'd be done," Young said.

Okenquist agreed. "Fortunately, most of our landowners have been very tolerant," he said. "But that can change at any point. We kind of live on borrowed time."

Andover

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In a related proposal, selectmen support upgrading the computer software for the town's financial accounting system (\$5,600), as well as for motor vehicle registration collection (\$5,950) and property tax collection (\$7,600).

Morrow said upgrading the treasurer's software should make her work more cost-effective and eventually reduce the required hours.

And, she said, the current software systems in the town office are not integrated, requiring repetitive entries of data that are labor-intensive. The upgrades would provide integration and greater efficiency.

Med-Care

This year's request from Med-Care Ambulance is \$18 per capita, up \$2 from last year. In January the Mexico-based service updated its request and asked for an additional, slight increase, said Morrow, but selectmen declined to put it on the warrant. "They only get to request it once a year," she said.

Med-Care is planning to build a new station, she said,

in a different location from one proposed three years ago. That plan triggered strong objections from some member towns, including Andover, because of the cost.

Citizen requests

A citizen request to rebuild the Farmer's Hill Road in the future proposes raising \$30,000 this year, with more money to be raised in subsequent years. The funds would be placed in a designated account for the project, Morrow said. (The proposed overall municipal budget figure of \$577,841 does not include the Farmer's Hill Road article.)

Another citizen-requested article asks if the town will vote to sell the Grimaldi Field property on Route 120.

Andover purchased the 37-acre property in 1997 for \$19,000, with all but \$3,300 paid through citizen donations. A baseball diamond was laid out on the site and a storage shed built, but further improvements for baseball have stalled in recent years as the population of youngsters has shrunk.

"We don't have enough kids

now," said Morrow, to justify more work.

Recreation trails are also located on the land, and are currently used by such recreationists as walkers, snowmobilers, ATVs and horseback riders. The property has also been used for weddings, Olde Home Days and charity events, and as an emergency helicopter landing area.

If townspeople decide to keep the property, other articles propose to post it as a no-hunting area and to post its parking lot as a designated multi-use park and ride area, and to name it "Andover Multi-Use Recreational Area."

In another non-money article, selectmen propose voters take a stand against commercial wind power projects in the region surrounding Andover.

Morrow said that while Andover itself does not have much terrain that would lend itself to wind development, "we'll be affected by wind towers in Roxbury — by the noise and the destruction of the mountaintops. This gives people an opportunity to say how they feel about it."

Other articles among the 69 to be considered at the meeting:

\$4,000 for maintenance of the concrete wall in the Transfer Station's burn area;

\$3,000 for an engineering study for repairs to the Crockett Bridge on Cross Street;

\$3,300 to upgrade Highway Department radios to comply with statewide changes to narrow band;

Donation of a 1982 fire truck for a proposed new fire training curriculum at Region 9;

Establishment of a committee to research fences and prices for the Andover West Woodlawn Cemetery.

Elections

In town elections, Morrow is running unopposed for another three-year term, as is School Director Tim Akers. Voting will take place March 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The March 19 meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the Town Hall.

During a noontime break, the Andover Service Circle will provide lunch downstairs at the hall for \$5 (soups, stews, chowders, cornbread and dessert).

Newry

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this week show that the Mountain Explorer bus, which provides seasonal service between Bethel and Sunday River Ski Resort, saw its ridership grow 40 percent for the season-to-date over last year.

He said the increase appears to be due, at least in part, to a jump in use by area

residents.

After voters approved \$2,000 for the Forest Fire Reserve Account, Fleet expressed concern that if a bill before the Maine Legislature to legalize fireworks passes, the danger of woods fires might increase.

Selectman Wendy Hanscom, School Director Bonnie Largess and Dog Officer Alan

Fleet were re-elected unopposed.

Largess and fellow-director Deb Webster were praised by several residents for their work on the upcoming school budget, which for another year must be crafted with less aid from the state. The two said finding areas to trim will be very difficult, particular-

ly following a recent vote by the School Board to keep the Andover Elementary School open.

Several Newry voters expressed concern about the school budget situation and the continuing rise in the town's school assessment.

Steve Wight moderated the meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Tuesday, March 1

At 8:29 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Chris Davis assisted rescue personnel at a call on the Hunt's Corner Road in Albany.

At 7:02 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Matt Baker responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a vehicle that struck a power pole. The driver complained of back and neck injury.

Wednesday, March 2

At 10:02 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder worked on an ongoing case involving the theft of items and forgery of various checks on Parkway in Bethel.

At 10:52 a.m. a report was received of a vacant building being burglarized on the Intervale Road in Bethel. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 10:52 a.m. a report was received of damage to a vehicle at Sunday River in Newry. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

At 12:56 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle making improper passes on Route 26 in Bethel. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 4:52 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Albany for a civil issue regarding evictions.

At 5:18 p.m. a caller reported a stop sign violation on Route 2 in Bethel, observed earlier in the day. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Thursday, March 3

At 7:13 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.

At 9:13 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland served court papers on the South Arm Road in Andover.

At 10:18 a.m. a report was received of an erratic operation on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 2:05 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Sunday River Road in Newry for a report of theft of property.

At 11:38 p.m. a caller on Summer Street in Bethel requested an officer remove a subject who was intoxicated and out of control. Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer arrested Joshua White, 25, of Conn. for disorderly conduct.

Friday, March 4

At 4:31 p.m. a report was received of a male subject on a snowmobile going up and down the West Bethel Road at a high rate. Sgt. Tim Holland responded and there was negative contact.

At 7:10 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Route 26 in Bethel for a two-vehicle accident with injuries.

At 7:28 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Christin Sugars responded to the Flat Road in Bethel for a report that a subject on a snowmobile had hit a tree. She was reported to be unconscious but breathing. LifeFlight was called.

Saturday, March 5

At 5:57 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby, Sgt. Tim Holland and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the East Andover Road in Andover for a report of an unwanted person.

At 7:03 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby assisted a state trooper with a fight involving multiple subjects on North Main Street in Woodstock.

At 12:44 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Farmers Hill Road in Andover for a late report of an assault.

At 1:27 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle accident on the East Bethel Road, with no injuries. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 2:16 p.m. a caller requested assistance in retrieving loaned property on Mayville Road in Bethel. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 4:38 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a two-vehicle accident with extensive damage.

At 6:09 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Chris Davis responded to Beaver Brook Road in Stoneham for a report of illegal fireworks.

At 8:19 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 26 in West Paris for a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.

Sunday, March 6

At 12:27 p.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the Curtis Hill Road in Woodstock for a one-vehicle rollover with no injuries.

At 2:10 p.m. on the North Road in Bethel Deputy Mike Halacy and Cpl. Chancey Libby, for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, arrested Dennis Smith, 51.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days are in March. Volunteers will be selling bunches of cut daffodils for \$10 at the Bethel Foodliner on Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All money raised goes to cancer research or to assist individuals who are fighting cancer. One way these funds are used is to help provide rides for people to their treatments. If you know anybody who has been affected by cancer, buying a bouquet of fresh daffodils is one way you can show your support and help find a cure.

The temperature hit the mid-forties on Sunday. The melting snow, along with heavy rains, led to storm drains that were already filled with ice and snow backing up and overflowing. Flooding along Railroad Street in Bethel forced the closing of the Bethel Laundromat. The rains put a damper on winter sports activity, but March weather is historically inconsistent. We probably have several more good snowstorms before winter is over.

Gasoline prices continue to escalate. On Sunday, the price of a gallon of gas was \$3.54 at the Railroad Street Big Apple. Experts predict that prices may hit \$4 per gallon by Memorial Day. The highest pump price ever in Maine was \$4.14 per gallon in July 2008.

With prices rising, we are all trying to economize. It's

a good time to look at our local area and see how we can spend our money here. Generally, the old saying is true that people don't spend time "being tourists in their own town." However, Bethel has outstanding restaurants, stores, and entertainment.

On Saturday I visited the Elements Art Gallery, which is on the second floor of the Philbrook Place Mall at 162 Main Street. The gallery is one of Bethel's hidden treasures, with unique and original work by about 30 Maine artists. Exhibits include paintings and drawings by Bethel artist Walter Clark, who died in 2009; photographs by M. Dirk MacKnight; and gourd art by Gene and Ginger Kelly of Red Gate Farm in Bethel. The Kellys grow many of the gourds used in their pieces. Dennis Dreher has an exhibit of curiously shaped marble and welded silver sculptures, some of which transform into other shapes. The gallery also includes felted fiber artwork, original bags by Andover artist Sharon Hutchins, scrabble-tile jewelry, and handmade cards, including Mother's Day cards. Anything in the gallery can be purchased, but you don't have to buy. You can spend time just admiring the art work and the local talent.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

One of my neighbors stopped me on the road to tell me he has a huge flock of snow buntings in his field. They do seem to need a large territory to roam in. Here at the Garden we are seeing redpolls at both the window feeder and the hanging ones out back.

Last Friday I skied on the Bethel Inn's Steeplechase trail, accessible just across the street from our back yard. I put on my pass and boots and toted the skis and poles over there and had a lovely ski in 24-degree sunshine on a beautiful, broad trail down to the golf course and around a loop and back up to the top behind neighbors' houses. Mike had taken Jake there on a snowshoe walk earlier and came home to tell me I had to get my skis and give it a turn. Awfully glad I did.

In response to Jake's column a few weeks ago, a note for him arrived from his old acquaintance, Prime Time Baby, the quarter horse from Winds of Bad Mountain Farm on the Flat Road, as well as her companion, mini-mule April Storm. Prime Time hastened to add that while April is only 47 inches tall, she weighs in at an un-mini 487 pounds.

Herewith the rest of Prime Time Baby's note:

"We really enjoyed reading about some of your adventures since you became a 'townie.' Now that you don't walk by our farm most mornings, we have little or no news as to what is happening down the road. We even miss the little 'calling cards' you sometimes left by the fire

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



Jake has pointed out to me that I had it all wrong last week. Having written my column on Feb. 28, I thought March 1 would be as cold and blustery as the last of February. Instead of coming in like a lion, March came

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trees. "There have been lots of birds feeding here this winter, but no wild turkeys. Did they move to town with you? The first red squirrel has already visited our garden, been trapped and relocated. A not-too-far neighbor has had a skunk on his deck.

"As I write, the radio says "more snow on the way again." Which way to Tampa? There are two mourning doves nestled into the covered bird feeder. One dove is pinky grey, the other, blue grey. The bluejays and other birds have already gone to roost until the storm is over.

"Mother Nature deceived us. The winter wasn't that bad until the first of February, then you-know-what broke loose. We're not allowed to say that, even though we've heard it here before. Oh, well, enough said; we don't want to miss our carrot cookies, do we?

"The deer are enjoying being fed at the neighbors, the tiny white lights are twinkling on the arbor, the furnace is running, the generator ready light is green, and the barn is still full of hay; all is well here. Across the world we can only hope for peaceful resolutions and good tomorrows.

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Jake loved hearing from Prime Time and April and thanks them for their nice note. He also hopes to hear from more of you, canine, equine, feline, or human. You can reach him (and me) at dhoeh@megalink.net or 824-2917.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



This was quite the storm, creating a big mess and treacherous road conditions. The East Bethel Road

could have used some of the TLC which Route 26 received. How were conditions on the Intervale Road?

Bettyann Hastings told me that on Feb. 26 and 27 they got together for a ski weekend. Eric and Cam had come from Massachusetts and went skiing with Jeff and his daughter Jennifer. Julie and Jack came from New Hampshire and snowshoed 5 or 6 miles. At the same time her grandson, John Franklin, had an ice hockey game in Berlin, N.H. He scored one goal and his team won 3-0. Congratulations, John.

Neil Olson let me know that his baseball team, The Maine Blackflies, have already been playing in Portland. So far they have 12 wins and two losses. Way to go Team!

The Alder River Grange will hold their meeting on March 11 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. followed by their meeting at 7 p.m.

I think you will enjoy some more of this week's answers to the "cabin fever buster"

and what some perceive as the first sign of spring: "seeing robins," "just hope the heck it really is," "when my cat, Clancy, is perched daily on the windowsill where the sun shines spring and summer," "when it gets too hot driving with the heat on." And, for a good laugh, this week's winner is "when my wife starts chasing me around the house." Please, do keep those tidbits coming by calling me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

It sounds like we have either more snow or rain coming our way, so let's practice the power of positive thinking and Think Spring!

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



Monday morning there was a foot of new snow on the ground and there was a snow/freezing rain mix at 8 a.m. According to the radio, there are cancellations all over the state.

Cameron Bouchard received his GED in the state of Arizona. His family is proud of him for passing the six-hour high school equivalency test at sixteen years of age.

A weather breeder is a beautiful, cloudless, fine summer day. Bad weather is sure to follow a weather breeder within two days. The more consecutive weather breeders there are, the worse the change in weather will be. This, an old-timer's method of forecasting weather, is supposedly quite accurate. It might be fun to check it out this coming summer.

The carnival planned for

March by the Ladies Aid Association has been postponed to a later, as yet undetermined, date. Their annual meeting will be held May 21 at 10 a.m. at their building. That would be a perfect time to become a member! There will be an Easter breakfast on April 24 from 8 to 11. (I have not heard any plans for a sunrise service as yet.) The annual Fun Day will be on Aug. 20 with "Back To Basics" being the theme.

If you have news, or snippets that you'd like to share, keep in mind that my column is sent to The Citizen Monday afternoons. Thanks.

Have a wonderful week. Se-la-h.

Andover

By JANE RICH



From the Town Office: Town meeting will be on March 19. Voting for officers on March 22

from 4 to 8 p.m. The candidate for selectman, assessor, overseer of the poor is Susan Merrow for a three-year term while Tim Akers is seeking a three-year term for school board. Both are running unopposed. Due to the illness of the town auditor, the audit was delayed and therefore will not be included in your Town Report booklet, but will be printed separately and available at the meeting.

As in past years, Andover Service Circle (ASC) will delight those with a good appetite by providing lunch during break on the first floor of Town Hall. For a suggested \$5 donation everyone will be able to eat homemade soups, chilies, chowders, stews, rolls, muffins and desserts. All the collected money will be put to good use by ASC for the benefit of Andover residents through charitable giving.

Former Andover resident Polly Johnston, author of "Once Upon A Memory" which is her story of growing up at Bosebuck Camps, reports that she has sold all but 70 of the books. Copies are available in the area at the Bethel Historical Society, The Rangeley Historical Society and Books N Things.

Through the School District 44 Adult Education Sandee Conley will be teaching a class on Yoga at the Andover Elementary School beginning March 21. You can register through Adult Ed. The cost is \$35 and the course will run for six weeks. So if you've ever wanted to know anything about Yoga or try Yoga out, this is the ideal opportunity and you don't have to leave town to do it. Check with Adult Ed for time.

The First Congregational Church announces that the Birthday Supper will be held this year on April 9 and the menu will be turkey and all the fixings. This supper has been held since 1938 with the exception of a couple of World War II years. All the tables will be decorated for the months of the year and birthday cake, of course, is the dessert. Price is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. Table decorators and cake bakers always try to outdo one another. It's a lot of fun for the providers as well as the diners.

Our featured community organization this week is the Andover Service Circle: This group was founded in 1974 and provides a number of services to the community including scholarships for graduating seniors, donations of various kinds for Andover Elementary School, the library, Christmas gifts through Santa's Helpers and other Christmas for children programs, the local food pantry.

Other services to Andover include holiday cards and Christmas gifts for shut-ins and nursing home residents, baby spoons and quilts for newborns. The group also does baking for funeral and memorial gatherings. Financial support is given to the Andover Education Fund, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society and other worthwhile causes.

Fundraisers by the Service Circle support all of these activities and include the community birthday calendar project, the town meeting luncheon, the craft fair on the common for Olde Home Day. At some time, The Andover Service Circle will likely extend a kindness to you, your family, or someone close to you. The Service Circle's current project is a gift to the

town of a community bulletin board being constructed by David C. Smith, carpenter, which will be placed in front of the Town Hall, between the building and the handicapped ramp.

The group meets on the second Thursday of each month, September through June beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. If you're new in town, this would be a great way to meet people and do something useful. For further information, please contact one of the officers: Andrea Savitz, president 392-1020, Evelyn Bodemer, vice president 392-2371 or Judy Michaud, secretary/treasurer 392-1221.

Next week we will feature the Andover Historical Society.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



It is Sunday afternoon and it has been raining most of the day. The snow is melting and the puddles beside the road are getting bigger. There is supposed to be some more bad weather coming in on Monday.

My brother, Steve McLain, has had some help from his son, Brad McLain, and Carol Mason with removing snow from the roof of his garage. They wanted to get this done before the rain arrived. Rain would make the snow on the roof heavier, which could be dangerous and cause the roof to collapse.

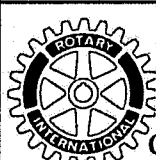
When Lise McLain visited her father, Gerard Dupont, last week at Ledgeview, she found that he is doing well.

Norm Buttrick, who is a member of the Gilead Historical Society, stopped by last Saturday to pick up the laptop computer that belongs to the GHS. He borrowed it to do a Power Point presentation for a group at Fort Western in Augusta. There was another member of the GHS in the audience, Heidi Munro.

One night last week, Hugh and I heard the coyotes howling across from our house. They hang out in the woods behind the picnic area.

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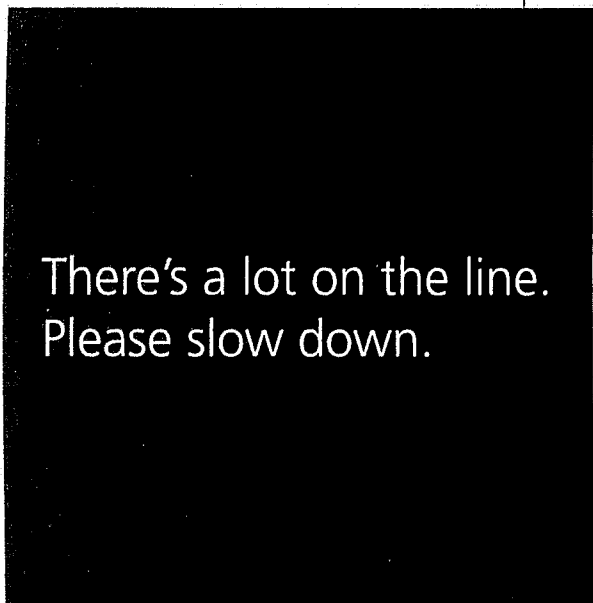
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to register to vote. Please come out and vote because your vote matters. Congratulations to Joseph Boudreau with his decision to run for selectman. He will be running against Jeremy Morin. Jeremy has been a selectman for a couple of three-year terms now and has been part of several improvements made to the town. Besides the contest between Joe and Jeremy for selectman, the other office that needs to be filled is a three-year term for a school board member. Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Greenwood City

By WAYNE HAKALA



Anita and I had a treat today. We attended Miss Morgan Benson's first birthday party. Morgan tore apart many sheets of paper with great enthusiasm that only a baby can muster. She sure enjoyed making small pieces out of big ones. And I do believe she gathered some good noisy ones. She was particularly fond of Tickle Me Elmo. Really kept her attention. Morgan's personalized birthday cake was a cupcake. She sure enjoyed squishing it all up and slowly tasting many bits and pieces. The ice cream cake made her day too. Morgan had a spoon and knew exactly what to do with it. Someone would put some on her spoon and she made it disappear with only the grace a baby could do. And if it wasn't replenished quick enough, she let everyone know she wanted more. The rains came and the snow is settling fast. The brooks are showing water above the ice and snow. The ponds are showing signs of spring too. Brother says no ice fishing for a couple of

days now.

By the time you read this, Post 68 will have done First Aid Training provided by Pace Ambulance Service. We feel that with all the customers we have along with guests, we need to be prepared. Just another service we are providing. And if there is further interest, I'm sure we could arrange further training sessions. Just let me know.

On the 17th of March we of Post 68 will be celebrating the Legion birthday. At this time, we will honor our greatest generation. The Veterans of WWII will be special guests of the evening. Please let me know if there is anyone out there that needs this honor. We will provide transportation if needed and make sure each one is taken care of. Dept. Adjutant Lloyd Woods will be our guest speaker.

The Birthday Dinner will start at 6 p.m. and the program at 7. Dinner will have mashed potatoes, veggies, ham and other goodies. The birthday cake is being done by the one and only Sally Smith. Let's get all our members out for the evening and honor our greatest generation.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Rumford Grange 115 had its March meeting last Saturday, March 5. Following a potluck lunch the business meeting took place. Part of the meeting included a homemade scone contest. There were two entries for the judges to sample. Winner of first place was Pat Drapeau and second place was Vicki Clark. The winner will be able to enter her scones at a national contest at Maine State Grange.

Their birthday was Feb. 24, but twins Shawnee and Makala Worcester were guests of honor at a birthday party on March 6 at the Mexico Town

Office. Among those helping the three year olds celebrate were Mom, Dad and sister Kaylynn. Also attending were grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, classmates and a beagle named Bunny. There was a great lunch and children played games and enjoyed breaking balloons.

Last weekend's weather made us wonder if the spring break-up is upon us. Some folks are hoping for some good tree-tapping weather.

The Hanover Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 2 was canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

The Hanover Select Persons will not meet in March.

We said good-bye last week to a former neighbor and classmate. Ronald Thurston, 68, died in Lewiston on Feb. 26. Years ago Ronald and his family lived along Howard Pond Road in the house now owned by Darlene Baker. After a few years his family moved to North Rumford. Ronald spent most of his adult life in southern Maine.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Take heart, there are signs of spring all around us! The Bear River Road has been posted. I apologize to the small percentage of you who are affected by the bright orange poster but to the rest of us the welcome sight is nearly as impressive as a neon light, a beacon in a sea of snow.

Town roads have also been posted.

Newry's annual town meeting and potluck was Monday night. The kids and I decided to brave the roads so we could at least attend the most important part -- food! The biggest challenge was escaping our unplowed driveway but with sheer determination we did it. The food was wonderful but there were many empty seats in the Grange. I don't know of too many towns that break bread together before their meetings but I for one would seriously recommend adopting such policies.

I have lived here all my life, born and raised, but ashamedly there are so very many in our town that remain a mystery to me. Casual encounters, light conversation and a common interest can create a tightly woven infrastructure that will ultimately govern a healthy, thriving town. After all, what better way to keep small towns small, than by knowing your neighbors? We all need to eat. Thank you to whomever is responsible for the idea -- perhaps I should have done a bit of homework so that I'd know better whom to thank.

Here on the farm have had a busy week. Kalya came home Friday with some exciting news. She will be starring as "Toto" in the Mahoosuc Kids production of "The Wizard of Oz" coming up in April. We can't wait to see how she fits in Dorothy's basket.

Samuel spent two very hectic days, incorporating help from a couple family members, to build himself a Derby Car. The local Boy Scout Troop 566 held

their annual Pinewood Derby tournament Tuesday evening. Sam's car was done last minute, to say the least, but was complete by start time. The boys race by Pack -- ie. Wolves, Bears and Tigers, round-robin style with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each Pack. The variety of cars and creativity was astounding and very impressive. All the boys did such a great job on their cars -- it was really exciting! The energy level in the room was near bursting as car after car was released, sped and crossed the finish line. I felt like a kid at Christmas. I could hardly wait for Samuel's turn. Samuel finished in 1st place and received his very first trophy. He seemed puzzled and a bit confused when he was told that he couldn't take his car home, but he did fall fast asleep that night with a big smile resting across his face.

Have a great week and be sure to enjoy the snow while it lasts -- remember, mud season comes next!

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



8-week old yellow lab, as cute

as they come. I know some of you can't wait to hear what we named him; he's Shiloh, as in the Civil War battle and also a movie about a dog with the same name. Thanks to those several folks who sent lists of suggested names!

As of today (Monday), Shiloh is off to a good start. We bought him one of those wire kennels which we're told really make training puppies much easier. So far, we agree with that assessment. With the kennel in our bedroom, Shiloh cried quite a lot the first night. Much less the second night, and only a couple times last night, when he felt the urge to answer nature's call.

He is quite a shadow and is already beginning to actively play and respond to his toys. Sunday evening, Carrie and Neal brought Noah (almost 2) up to spend the night because they didn't want to make the trip in the predicted Monday morning storm. (Carrie has to leave early for her job in Dixfield. After a few minutes, Noah and Shiloh warmed to each other, and Noah enjoyed putting some of his own toys into Shiloh's kennel. I think they will become great friends.

Sunday/Monday's storm and rain raised the water level in Mason's Pleasant River, and by the sound of rushing water, I think the ice went out. I can't wait to see the

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OSCAR WINNERS—On Academy Awards night recently, some 70 people gathered at the Rooster's Road House in Bethel for a fundraiser for area organizations. The \$1,900 raised will support Nina Wheeler's "Christmas for Families" and the Bethel Rotary Club's "Christmas for Children." The evening's events included "Oscars" awarded to the best-dressed female and male attendee, Robin Zinchuk was the female winner while Charlie McCormick (shown at left with Lynn Wilson) was the male winner. Above, Roosters staffers Kim Tibbetts, Michelle Madore and Pam Foreman. (Submitted photos)

Meadowbrook Road by John Applin's home, because usually the river ice jams up in the alders and usually floods a short section of the road there. By now, I think the snow plows have probably pushed the river ice out of the road. I'll investigate once I have cleared the two inches of slushy snow out of my driveway!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



This weather is something else. One minute it snows and the next it rains and freezes. If I didn't know better, I'd say it was spring in Maine. Right now it is threatening to be a sunny day. That is welcome. We have puddles and ice everywhere.

I am surprised the school bus can even make it down the road. But I guess it didn't have to on Monday because school was cancelled due to ice and flooding.

The Waterford town meeting was held this past Saturday. All those running were elected - no surprise there as they were unopposed, but congratulations are in order for Barry Patrie - new school board rep; Randy Lessard for re-election to the Board of Selectmen and Brad Grover for Road Commissioner.

I missed the meeting due to back problems, so I have no more specifics.

Although the renovations were supposed to be on break this week at the Waterford Library, I saw trucks there Monday. So I would check before going. It will be closed again March 21-April 2. Please hold all books till then, both those due and those being donated to the book sale.

ACA (Adults From Alcoholism and Dysfunctional Families) will meet Thursday, the 10th, at either the Waterford Library (if it is open) or the Waterford Town Office which has been kind enough to house the group when the library is closed. FMI please call 739-9115.

This Saturday, the 12th, we turn our clocks forward. Seems early this year, but then I can go out later under my own steam. Can't complain about that!

The 20th is the Bethel Rotary All You Can Eat Breakfast at Gould Academy in Bethel. Tickets are \$3 for under 12 and \$8 for adults. In advance they are \$7 from Rotary members or at the Rostay Inn, River View Resort or Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit the club's community projects and scholarships.

That is all for this week. Please call if you have something you would like to see in this column - 739-9115. Have a great week and be careful of the ice.

West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



It was a bit warmer this past weekend, even going above the freezing mark. Snow continues to fall off and on every day mixed with a little sunshine.

The Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Transitions" at the West Paris Universalist Church on March 13 at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows.

News from Florida is that they have had exceptionally cold weather too. Their cold is dropping to near the freezing mark overnight with 80 degrees during the day. Some are planning their trip north. They need to wait another month or two. They surely would not care for all this snow and freezing temperatures.

The town of West Paris holds its town meeting on the first Saturday of March. The weather wasn't too bad, only a dusting of fluffy snow. The attendance was not as large as usual. All moved along fast without much discussion on any of the 38 articles. At 10:30 a recess was called so all could buy coffee or sodas, red hot dogs, homemade doughnuts and other desserts. All was over by 11:45.

About 2:30 on Thursday morning I was awakened by

skunk odor. Muffin was asleep on my bed at my feet so knew the skunk wasn't inside. The next morning tracks came from across the road, by the end of the house and went into the flowering crab trees. (No blossoms as yet.) He was a smelly creature even with windows and doors closed. My father always said that spring was coming when the skunks came out of hibernation.

Daughter Wendy and husband, Mike, came from Augusta and brought lunch then took me grocery shopping.

I enjoyed an outing and had lunch out at Market Square with Mary Jane Newell. We are long-time friends from working together at Stephens Hospital for many years.

Muffin watches the snowflakes fall but is not interested to go out and play with them.

Albany

By SHEILA DYKE



Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We hope everyone out there is weathering the weather (ha!) well, as well as this terrible illness that is going around.

We've been sick with it here - actually thought Dana had food poisoning, but it turned out to be this awful flu. The boys are getting over it, and I've been fighting it.

Even now, the trees are glit-

tering with this weekend's frozen rain, the sunlight just sparkling between the branches and nettles. Quite lovely, really. Winter is such a gorgeous time of year, if you can look passed the cold, longer periods of darkness, and inconvenience of snow drifts.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The Whitman Memorial Library will hold their program again on March 10 (today) at 2 p.m. Randy and Brenda Malm will present their wood turning and Creative Pet Bed business. All are welcome, no charge and light refreshments.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, March 14, at the home of Alice Hoyt.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6:30. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. March 12 is Men's Prayer Breakfast at Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m. Pastor Calvin Fuller is pastor at the present time.

Historical Society
The museum at the Historical Society has some books on Royalty in its research library as well as biographies on famous people. They have travel books, books on antiques,

art, philosophy, nature, literature and of course history books. Very importantly the local research of Ruby Emery. Do browse there this summer. Curator Larry Billings received a letter from First Lady Michelle Obama.

If you have news, call 665-2460 or send to PO Box 105.

I am counting down the day of spring and hopefully warmer weather.

Bridge results

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday in the Recreation Building, King Street, Oxford at 9:15 a.m. A four table Howell movement was enjoyed.

Finishing first in flight A were Rosemarie Goodwin (Lewiston) and Les Buzzell (Auburn) with Dick Allen (New Gloucester) and Pete Cummings (South Paris) second. Third were Linda Leotsakos (Chelsea) and Maryanne Trafton (Sidney).

Finishing first in flight B were Jim Krainin (Windham) and Milt McKeen (Bridgton) with Denny Raymond (Waterford) and Hank Sakrison (Poland). Third were Cindy and Bob Kirchherr (South Paris).

There will be another game next week same time and place. All bridge players are cordially invited. For information call Les Buzzell 783-4153, or e-mail buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

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MLT series: Bat Hibernation

The Mahoosuc Land Trust 2011 Local Knowledge series presentation for March will be held Friday evening, March 18, at 7 p.m., in the Public Room of the Rumford Public Library. The lecture is free and open to the public. However, donations to the Trust are welcome.

The speaker for the event is David Yates of the Biodiversity Research Institute. His subject is Bat Hibernation in Maine. Though it is not well known, there are three bat caves in the state of Maine, and two of them are in Rumford; both are on or near Mahoosuc Land Trust conservation sites: Rumford Whitecap and the Concord River preserve.

Yates will discuss the role bats play as an indicator species to determine levels of mercury in the environment. His presentation follows his annual count of the bat population. Yates talk should dispel the myths about bats; for example, bats are not blind and they won't get into your hair or suck your blood! Yates will discuss basic bat biology and the conservation issues the species faces, as well as characteristics and habitats of the bats of the Northeast. The audience will learn what humans can do to help preserve a species vital to life on earth.

As a Research Biologist with Biodiversity Research Institute (BRI), Dave Yates is the director of the Mammal program, and is actively involved with various field studies focusing on wildlife conservation and management and the health assessment of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems through contaminant screening. He is currently conducting live-capture, tracking, and sampling studies on mink, otter, beaver and muskrat. Along with this he is also researching bats as an indicator species for mercury exposure. This project is across the eastern U.S. at both point source and non-point source sites. Along with all this he conducts inventories for small and large mammals for the various state agencies and federal government.

Dave is a Unity College graduate (1999), where he earned a degree in Environmental Sciences with an emphasis in Wildlife Biology and Management. He has an M.Sc. from Antioch University New England in environmental studies with an emphasis in Conservation Biology.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is a nonprofit agency dedicated to conserving special places for public use. For more information visit mahoosuc.org. For more information about the Mahoosuc Land Trust's March 18 presentation at the Rumford Public Library, call the Trust: 824-3806.

Pinhook Meeting House Society fundraiser thanks

The Pinhook Meeting House Society appreciates the support to our Christmas Tree Light fundraiser which helps to keep the Meeting House open. Thanks go to the following individuals who purchased bulbs:

Edward and Jackie Gammon-In Honor of Steve Hoover, Fernand Coriveau, Hollie Coriveau, Marissa Coriveau, Kenny Marshall, Musa Brown, Carlton Rugg, Pam Rugg, Richard Cole, and Norma Davis; Richard and Peg Cole-In Honor of All Living Children and families; Richard and Peg Cole-In Memory of Herbert Dunham, Gerald Gammon, Robert Davis, Flora and Herman Cole, Virginia and Everett Cole, James and Elizabeth Knights, Jackie Knights, Sylvia Knights, and Beth Abbott; Shari Burnham-In Memory of Frank Campbell, Jim and Lizzie Knights, Carla Martin; Tim and Sue Rosenberg-In Memory of Annie Rosenberg; Norma Davis-In Memory of Robert Davis, Edgar and Lettie Davis, Lee and Emma Billings, Lloyd Davis, Mildred Poulin, Gerry Johnson, Hazen and Clover Emery; Linda Tyler-In Memory of Lee and Emma Billings.

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World Day of Prayer

Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Bethel, hosted this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, with over 60 persons from local churches attending. They joined in this worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the worship service. This year the women of Chile developed the theme, "How many leaves have you?"

Coordinators Rosemary McLean and Rosabelle Tiftt said, "We were very pleased with the attendance from area churches and their willingness to take part in this ecumenical service." Twelve local church representatives who actively contributed as readers included: Locke Mills Union Church, Beverly Melville; Rumford Point Congregational Church and Locke Mills Union Church, Pastor Sondra Withey; West Bethel Union Church, Alice McInnis and Neta Littlefield; United Methodist Church, Musa Brown; West Parish Congregational Church, Peggy Wight and Linda Davis; Episcopal House Church, Carolyn Gould and Lida Iles; Bethel Church of the Nazarene, Gerry Shimamura; Bethel Alliance Church, Pastor Kevin Bellinger; Andover First Congregational Church, Pastor Jane Rich; and Our Lady of Snows, McLean and Tiftt. Rev. Dan Johnson, organist for West Parish Congregational Church, served as organist and representatives from area churches led the singing.

THS alpine skier qualifies for Eastern Championships

Telstar High School skiers Morgan Lee, Rachael Wheeler and Cody Boivin recently competed at the Shootout for the Eastern High School Championships that was held at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. Based on her outstanding performances against the top skiers from Class A, B and C, Lee was one of twelve girls selected to represent Maine at the Eastern High School Alpine Championships to be held at Cannon Mountain, New Hampshire on March 11, 12 and 13.

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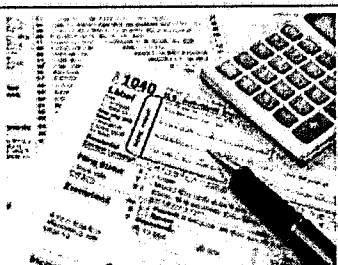
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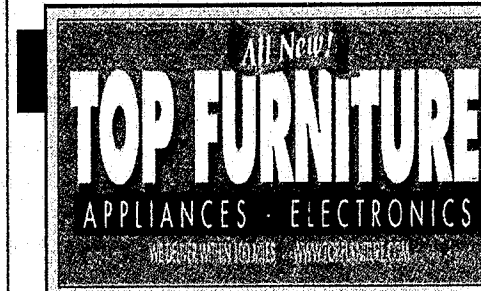
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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speakers will be Randy and Brenda Malm to speak on their Wood Turning and Creative Pet Beds. Free and open to public. Light refreshments.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 11, 12, and 13
Black Mountain, Rumford, celebrates its 50th Anniversary. SkiFree Friday night, at reduced rates Friday and Saturday and \$3 on Sunday. Many other activities planned. FMI: 364-8977 (Jennifer LeDuc, program manager) or e-mail jleducti@fairpoint.net.

Saturday, March 12

1 p.m. - "How to get Started with Honey Bees" new honey bee club's first meeting at public gathering room, Fare Share, Main Street, Norway. FMI: John E. Seilonen 743-5009.

Saturdays, March 12, 19, 26

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 adults. Lunch counter open.

Tuesday, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 16

12 noon to 1 p.m. - **Lenten Luncheons** begin at West Parish Congregational Church. Lunch, soup and bread, open to public. 5 to 6:15 - **Animal Frolics Qigong**, by Betsey Foster at Bethel Health Center. Simple to learn Chinese movements. Cost: \$20. Bring friend and they come free. To pre-register: 875-2426 or e-mail 3taichi6@gmail.com

3 p.m. - Rescheduled: **Lewiston/Auburn/Montreal Passenger Rail Feasibility Study** public meeting (originally Feb. 16) at Bethel Inn South Dining Room.

Thursday, March 17

1 to 2 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office Bingo with a twist** at Brownfield Community Center. Free. Reservations required (800) 427-1241. Mobile Office cancels trip if snow and ice.

Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign** volunteers selling bouquets of 10 daffodils for \$10 at Bethel Foodliner. FMI: Caroline Gould 824-3226.

Friday, March 18

4 to 7 p.m. - **Fish Fry** at Holy Savior Catholic School, St. Athanasius and St. John's Church Hall (basement of church). Tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 children ages 4 to 12, children 3 and under free, available at door or in advance at Hair Design, Oxford Lanes, Davis Florist and Holy Savior School. FMI: 364-2528.

5:30 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at First Universalist Church, West Paris. Bring dish to share and bring a favorite game if you wish. Non-members also invited.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** Local Knowledge 2010-11 presents **Bat Hibernation in Maine** with David Yates of Biodiversity Research Institute takes place at Rumford Public Library. FMI or inclement weather: 824-3806.

Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents **The Odd Improv Show**. Tickets: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 for 12 and

under. FMI: 336-3306 or e-mail mike@oddfellow.com

Saturday, March 19

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **Flea Market and Bake Sale** at Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. Something for everyone. Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antique furniture. Table rental or more info: Linda Libby (925-3661).

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** moderate snowshoe through Maggie Ring Easement, bordering South Pond, Greenwood and climbing up to Peaked Mountain. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meeting in parking area on Greenwood Road. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

10 a.m. - **Chinese Auction** at Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford (by Wal-Mart). Refreshments available. FMI: Peggy 357-7072.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents The Boston Bubble Guy at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Sunday, March 20

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **NRA Basic Pistol Course** taught by NRA certified instructors from Western Maine Property Protection LLC offered at Pooh Corner Farm, Greenhouse and Florist, Bog Road, Bethel. FMI and details: 739-9774.

10 a.m. - **Maple Syrup Sap Collecting Contest** at Waterford Fairgrounds. If not a member of the club you may join that day. FMI: call Ron Hall at 461-9898.

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast** sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel. Tickets: adults \$8, 12 and under \$3. Tickets in advance \$7, may be purchased from club members, The Inn at Rostay, River View Resort and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit club's community projects and scholarships.

Monday, March 21

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu

March 21 thru April 2

Waterford Memorial Library closed for renovations. Do not return books the two weeks library closed. FMI: 583-2050.

Thursday, March 24

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Friday, March 25

7 p.m. - **Cafe Chocolat** at Norway Memorial Library. Tickets: free (pick up before March 22). FMI: 743-5300 ext 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-a-Thon. Sunday River. All Day - **Maine Garden Day**, sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension at Lewiston High School, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston. 35 gardening workshops and trade show with plants, seeds and tools to purchase. Dealing limited (first come-first served). FMI and register: (800) 287-1482 or (207) 743-6329 (out of state). Cost: \$5 includes breakfast, lunch and all workshops.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26
Third annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Ski Resort.

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1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Narnia"** at The Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114), Standish, just north of Routes 114 and 35. FMI: 642-3743 or education@schoolhousearts.org, or e-mail Micheal Hjort at mhjort@maine.rr.com

Saturday, March 26

9 to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** at American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. 50/50 tickets. Lunch counter open.

2 p.m. - **"Maine's Margaret Chase Smith: Image and Icon"** presented by Dr. Stanley R. Howe, Bethel Historical Society associate director and director of education and research, at the Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall (14 Broad Street). FMI: 824-2908, e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

5 p.m. - **Maine Baked Bean Cook-Off** at Lovell United Church of Christ, to benefit Ronald Ashworth Memorial Pilgrim Lodge Campership Fund. Everyone welcome. Enter your favorite bean casserole \$10. Come and taste -- donations at door. Trophies for winners.

7:30 p.m. - Fryeburg Academy presents **Phil Keagy and Randy Stonehill** in concert at the academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. FMI: 935-9232.

Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Truly Talented Kids Variety Show"**. Singers, dancers, musicians, actors ages 19 and younger. FMI: 642-3743 or e-mail education@schoolhousearts.org or e-mail mhjort@maine.rr.com.

Saturdays, March 26 and April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Sunday, March 27

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

10 a.m. - **21st annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race** at White Cap Base Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. Proceeds benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing.

Tuesday, March 29

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **"Bethel's Next Big Winter Project"** brainstorming session at Funky Red Barn. Light refreshments. All invited.

Wednesday, March 30

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **"Colon Cancer Screening" Which Test is Best?** by Robert Kahn, M.D., of Western Maine Surgery at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building. Dinner provided. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183 or visit Western Maine Health at www.wmhc.org

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation** and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House

Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

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People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

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(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

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Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 874-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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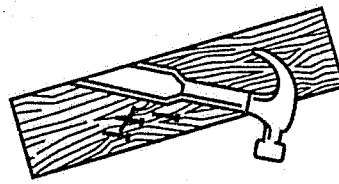
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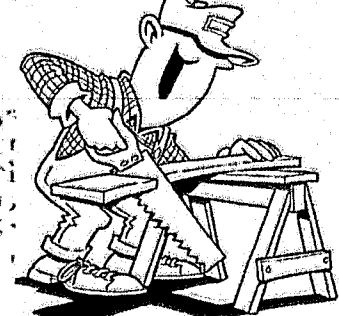
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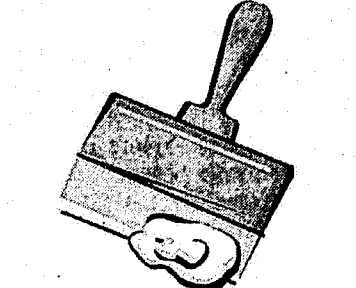
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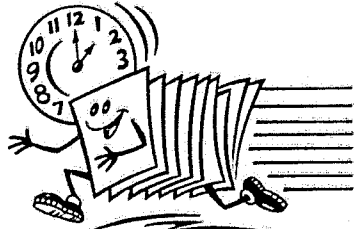
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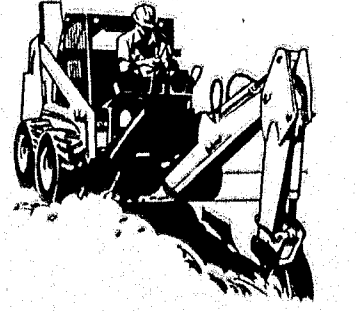
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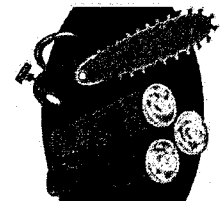


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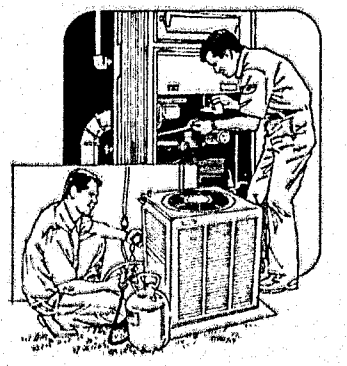
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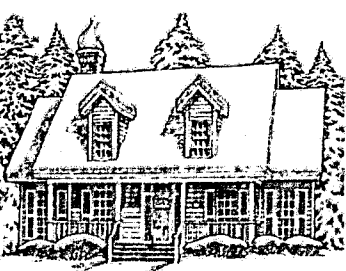
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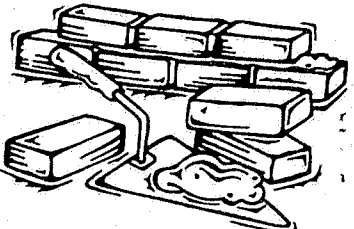
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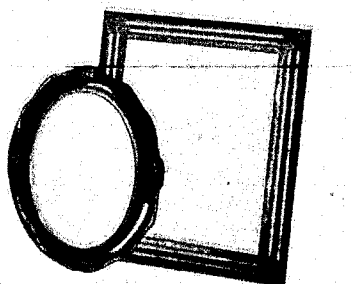
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Bethel Historical Society topic: Margaret Chase Smith

The life and remarkable political career of Maine's Margaret Chase Smith will be the featured topic of the Bethel Historical Society's 2011 Women's History Month event. The program will feature a number of visual presentations about the first woman elected to both houses of Congress and the first female to be nominated for U.S. President at a major political party's nominating convention. There will also be a discussion of her record focusing on many of the issues she dealt with in her thirty-two years serving as a Representative and later Senator from Maine. Of special interest during her outstanding career was the political courage she exemplified in standing up to the smear tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin in 1950 with her famed "Declaration of Conscience."

Society Associate Director Stanley R. Howe will lead a discussion of the various biographies that have been written about her and assess her role as a national figure from Skowhegan, Maine. The program will be held in the Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall (14 Broad Street), beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26. The event is free and open to all interested persons. Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency.

SWOAM outlines conservation easement plan

More than 1,200 acres of working forestland in Oxford County will be protected by a conservation collaboration of The Nature Conservancy, Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine and the Androscoggin Land Trust.

New conservation easements will ensure that this important forestland is managed sustainably so that it can continue to support Maine's wood products industries, as well as providing wildlife habitat and helping to protect the quality of the Nezinscot and Androscoggin rivers.

The property, which is the last piece of an anonymous donation made to The Nature Conservancy a decade ago, was purchased in January by a timber investment company. Over the past decade, the Conservancy has sought out landowners who will manage the land in accordance with the donor's wish that it remain a part of the local forest products economy, said William Brune, director of land protection for The Nature Conservancy.

"We're pleased to see this land conserved as working forest, so that it can contribute both to habitat and to Maine's forest traditional forest industries," Brune said.

The Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) will hold a conservation easement on the bulk of the forestland, requiring that future harvests be done in accordance with sustainability criteria for certified wood. SWOAM has also purchased a smaller nearby parcel that will be used to demonstrate environmentally sound forestry methods. This week, the demonstration forest was officially named the Everett Towle Forest in honor of a past president and leader of the organization.

Everett Towle served for 34 years with the U.S. Forest Service before retiring in 1990, including stints as senior forester for comprehensive planning throughout the National Forest system, and as supervisor of the Inyo National Forest in California. He now manages his own 200-acre certified Tree Farm in Buxton.

"I'm always amazed about how generous Maine woodland owners are, and how deeply they care about their properties," said Tom Doak, SWOAM's executive director.

A working forest conservation easement on the Everett Towle Forest will be held by The Androscoggin Land Trust, which now protects nearly 500 acres in the Jersey Bog watershed. This area is of great importance as deer wintering habitat and waterfowl breeding territory, and its northern white cedar swamps have been cited as rare by the Maine Natural Areas Program.



HONORED BY ROTARY—Joe Arizzi and Jim Monahan of the Bethel Rotary Club were honored Feb. 22 at the World Peace and Understanding Dinner in Portland for willing a portion of their estates to the Permanent Fund of Rotary International. Their awards were presented by the Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith and District Governor of 7780, Ann Lee Hussey. Joe is a Level 1 contributor and Jim a Level 3 contributor to the Bequest Society of the Rotary Foundation. The interest proceeds from the Permanent Investment Account support the ongoing projects of the Rotary Foundation. From left: Arizzi, current president of the Rotary Club of Bethel, Jim Monahan, long time member and past president of the Bethel club, Klinginsmith and Hussey.

Amazing Hero Art Show

"Amazing!" That one word sums up the reaction of those who attended Rob Surette's "Who Art In Heaven" show in 2007 at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford.

Rob is returning to inspire young and old that you, too, can make a difference in this world with his "Be Somebody!" Amazing Hero Art Show on Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at the Mountain Valley High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and will benefit Holy Savior Youth Ministry.

Rob Surette is a motivational speaker and speed painter. He is in constant motion, leaping before canvases that stand six feet tall. He dips gloved hands into paint and creates portraits within minutes.

During this fast-paced and sophisticated performance, accompanied by music and video clips, audience members will gasp in amazement as flying paint somehow turns into the most realistic, beautiful portraits ever painted in such a short period of time.

Most impressive, however, is Rob's way of conveying his message of respect, compassion and creativity and the power of positive thinking to those who desperately need hope in their lives. Rob is a world-class performer who receives invitations regularly to travel the world to perform his Amazing Hero Art in front of world leaders.

Since 1995, Surette has performed over 2,500 performances and his repertoire consists of over 500 different historical figures, musicians, movie stars and athletes. In 2005, Surette performed on Good Morning America, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and most recently in July 2010 on Oprah!

Rob has also been recognized by Mother Teresa's successor, Sr. Nirmala, of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, with a personal phone call, thanking Rob for his work in American public schools, presenting his morals and values show. To purchase tickets, please contact Elaine Palmer at 364-4696, Diane Perry at Franklin Savings Bank in Rumford/Mexico or from Holy Savior Youth Ministry youth. You may visit Rob's website at www.amazingheroart.com. This is one show that you will never forget!

Oxford Hills SCORE honored

The Oxford Hills SCORE Chapter (0479) was honored recently as "Chapter of the year" for 2010 in Maine District 0172. This recognition marks the second time in the past (10) years that this honor has been bestowed on the local chapter.

The chapter exceeded all goals in 2010 for client services especially with regard to "face-to-face" services and workshop offerings. The local chapter was also the first chapter in the district to successfully launch 'Roundtable Workshops' in cooperation with a local Chamber of Commerce (Oxford Hills) and SBDC as partners. Oxford Hills SCORE was also one of four chapters in the district recognized for leadership in embracing district-wide SCORE initiatives.

The Oxford Hills SCORE office is located at 2 Market Square in South Paris. Our mission is to provide resources and expertise to maximize the success of existing or emerging small business. Free counseling and mentoring for new and existing businesses is offered as well as periodic workshops relevant to running and/or starting a business. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Monday through Friday.

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NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com. Returns: Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

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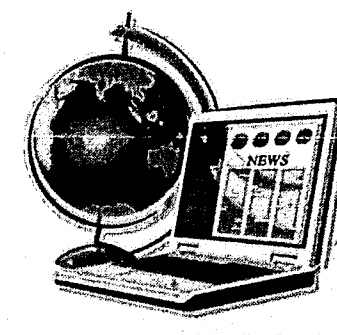
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Recent area real estate transactions

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Russell E. and Gretchen D. Seaver to Paul M. and Kristi L. Holmquist of Dixfield, property at 27 Horseshoe Pond Rd.; \$36,000, Nov. 15, 2010.

Thomas G. and Gina D. Lavoie to Susan M. Ross and Nadine M. Reynolds of Hyde Park, Mass., land and building at 641 South Arm Road; \$162,000, Nov. 24, 2010.

Dennis M. and Emily G. Bodemer to Terra Holding Group LLC of Rumford, land and building at Fire Lane 740, House #5; \$153,500, Nov. 30, 2010.

Terra Holding Group, LLC to Mark P. Costa of Andover, land and building at Fire Lane 740, House #5; \$153,500, Dec. 3, 2010.

Margaret A. Hartford to 447 Upton Road, LLC, land; \$305,000, Dec. 8, 2010.

James L. Adler to David F. and Louise J. Botkus of Rumford, property at 32 Fire Lane 432; \$203,000, Dec. 9, 2010.

Raymond and Linda Robert to Vicki A. Belden and Matthew K. Pitkin of Freemont, N.H., land and building at 46 Robyns Lane; \$90,000, Dec. 22, 2010.

Richard F. and Beverly A. Melville to Francesco Gaura of Lewiston, land at 714 Farmers Hill Road; \$16,000, Dec. 22, 2010.

BETHEL

Richard Diplacido to Joseph Mitchell and Laurie Dias-Mitchell of Westport, Mass., land and building at 25 Quail Run; \$252,826, Dec. 23, 2010.

Robert and Anne Sturges to Louis Bove and Elba Sacris of Bethel, condominium at 135 Vernon St.; \$120,000, Dec. 28, 2010.

GREENWOOD

Richard and Janet Fournier to John and Jovanna of Kennebunk, land and building at 1239 Patch Mountain Road; \$272,000, Dec. 15, 2010.

Chris Stillman to Benjamin Thompson and Tatiana Green of South Portland, land and building at 29 Calla's Lane; \$240,000, Dec. 20, 2010.

Frank and Mary Perham to David McDonald of Rockland, land on Richardson Hollow Road; \$50,000, Dec. 28, 2010.

NEWRY

Peter A. and Susan V. Phelps to Kevin M. and Holly K. Crosby of Marblehead, Mass., land and building at 20 Walters Way; \$725,000, Nov. 30, 2010.

NEWRY CONT.

Estate of Bonita R. Learned to Bradley S. and Brenda L. Wight, land and building at 585 Bear River Road; \$18,000, Dec. 2, 2010.

Maine Mountain Properties LLC to William P. and Susan W. Dye of Phippsburg; Lot 101 in the Peaks Village; \$84,000, Dec. 7, 2010.

Michael Bosse to Peter A. Phelps of Newry, Lot 9 Mahosuc Glen; \$110,000, Dec. 9, 2010.

Richard S. Robie III and Susan T. Robie to Thomas Landsbergen and Camille J. Maltempi of Freeport, condominium at 96 Locke Village Road; \$485,000, Dec. 17, 2010.

Randi K. and Brian R. Strack to John L. and Patricia Dolan of Kennebunk, timeshare at 97 Summit Drive; \$10,000, Dec. 17, 2010.

John C. and Laurie S. Traficonto to Arthur S. and Barbara A. Traficonto of Waterford, timeshare at Jordan Grand; \$9,000, Dec. 21, 2010.

Estate of Bradley M. Benson to Savage Land Development LLC of Bethel, land at Map R15 Lot 1; \$1,130,275, Dec. 23, 2010.

Thomas J. and Raila I. Scioletto to Daniel J. Murphy of Duxbury, Mass., Lot 86 Powder Ridge; \$62,000, Dec. 23, 2010.

Lynda Purdie-Schaefer to M&M Investments LLC of Salem, N.H.; property at Jordan Grand; \$19,000, Dec. 29, 2010.

Vincent N. Iannuzzi to Jeffrey and Barbara McKeon of Windham, N.H., condominium at 8 Cascades Drive; \$76,000, Dec. 29, 2010.

WOODSTOCK

John A. McElee to Stanley and Lucie Grayline of Sharon, Mass., condominium at 1 Loon Court; \$120,000, Dec. 4, 2010.

Gary H. Williamson to Andre St. Onge of El Paso, Tex., land and building at 137 Acorn Drive; \$230,000, Dec. 14, 2010.

About the listings: The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive and be filed for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

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March 2011 Market Update

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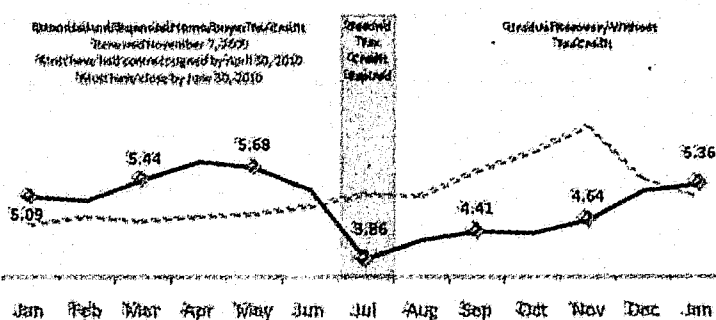
Gradual progress in the housing market continues at a steady pace without government support. The market has shown remarkable improvement from the initial drop after the expiration of the home buyer tax credit this past July. Although higher-than-normal distressed sales skew the overall picture of home prices downward, inventory continues to shrink and sales continue to rise. The rock-bottom interest rates of 2010 are likely to trend upward. As economists anticipate rates at or above 6% by the end of 2012, buyers are moving off the sidelines and into the market.

A good sign for long-term market stability is that the median down payment on conventional mortgages has risen to 22%, up from 4% in 2006 and slightly above the 20% standard in the 1990s. This may keep buyers looking in slightly lower price ranges, but it is a good sign of future sustainability for homeowners and banks alike. There are still ample opportunities for those who would like down payments below 20%, including some conventional mortgages and those backed by the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development loans.

As the economy improves, stimulus efforts by the government and the Federal Reserve Board will gradually wind down, which typically means rising interest rates. Meanwhile, buyers continue to benefit from historically favorable buying conditions and sellers are encouraged by increased market stability.

Home Sales

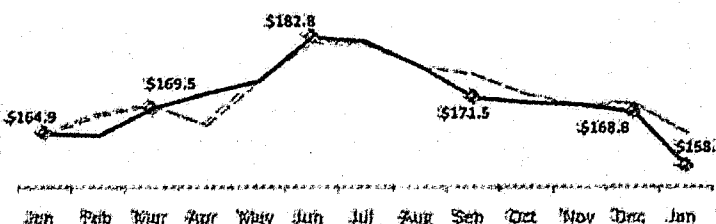
in millions



The increasing trend in existing home sales activity continued through January, and for the first time rose above year-ago levels when the home buyer tax credit was in effect. This marks the sixth monthly increase since July when the tax credit expired, and indicates a recovery that's gaining a firmer footing without government support.

Home Price

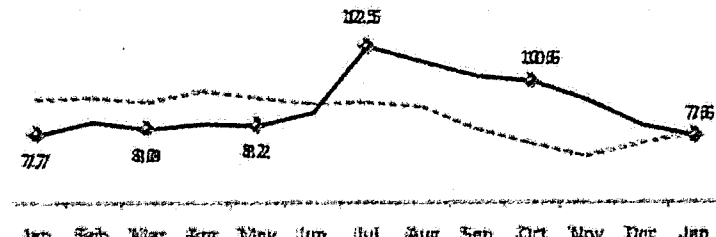
in thousands



Home prices softened in January with median home prices decreasing slightly to \$158,800 - 3.7% below the year-ago level. Contributing to this is a larger share of distressed homes sales, which accounted for 37% of sales in January compared to 30%-35% throughout much of 2010. Prices and mortgage rates remain favorable for buyers.

Inventory- Month's Supply

in months



The uptick in home sales and a shrinking inventory pared down the month's supply to 7.6 months, a decrease of 7.3% from December and 1% from year-ago levels. This is the lowest level in more than a year and marks the first time since July that the month's supply is below where it was the previous year. Months of inventory has declined steadily (64%) from its peak of 12.5 months in July and is now back to pre-tax credit expiration levels. The supply of inventory is not far from a seller's market, which is less than 6 month's supply.

Source: National Association of Realtors - housing data released Feb 23.

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Keep Your Family Safe From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

"Being proactive in making sure your home is safe from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning is the first step in keeping you and your family safe," writes security guru Jim Gorman who serves as Vice President and General Manager for AlliedBarton Security Services, www.alliedbarton.com, America's leading physical security services company which employs over 50,000 Americans nationwide.

"While CO detectors work well, they should not be your only reliable source of preventing this odorless, colorless and tasteless gas from entering your home. Each year, more than 15,000 people report to the Emergency Department with symptoms of CO poisoning and a staggering average of 500 lives are taken yearly because of accidental intake of this silent killer. Keep you and your family safe by following these tips to prevent against CO poisoning in your home," says Gorman.

Gorman's tips include:

- * There are many common household appliances and chemicals that have the potential to give off CO gases. While CO in small doses usually is not harmful, you should be aware of which appliances and chemicals can produce the gas. Items include, but are not limited to:

- Gas water heaters, ovens and stoves
- Charcoal grills
- Cigarette smoke
- Spray paint, solvents, degreasers and paint removers

CO is most commonly formed when organic compounds burn. The most common sources for organic compounds to burn are in vehicle exhaust, smoke from fires and non-electric heaters. Be cautious if you are around any of these sources for an extended period of time.

A CO detector should be on each level of your home, placed near bedrooms so sleeping children and adults will awaken when an alarm sounds if CO is present. Detectors should be checked monthly to make sure they are properly working.

As a home owner or renter, you should always inspect your home for hazards that could easily cause CO poisoning such as a clogged chimney, inadequate ventilation of your furnace, gas oven and range, and blocked exhaust flues or ducts. If any questionable hazards are found, contact a trained professional to clear the area. Have your furnace serviced regularly. Idling your vehicle in a garage, even if the garage door is open, is very dangerous, because CO fumes can fill up a small garage space very fast and leak into the rest of your home if the garage is connected. Only idle your vehicle outside.

A gas oven is not meant for heating your house. Make sure you are properly using your household appliances, because not only could CO gases become present, but fires could easily be started.

Evacuate the building immediately if CO is detected. If CO gases are present in your home, it is important for the source of the gas to be found. Contact your local fire department or public safety company as they will be able to find the source for you after you evacuate. Treatment is very important if you or anyone you know is showing signs and symptoms of CO poisoning. The signs and symptoms of CO poisoning include, but are not limited to headaches, nausea, fatigue, chest pain, impaired judgment, confusion, abdominal pain and fainting.

If someone is showing any of these signs or symptoms, first move them outside to fresh air and then seek medical attention immediately. Humans are not the only ones who can be affected by CO poisoning. Pets will also show similar signs to CO poisoning and will also need treatment immediately.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 93 percent of homes have smoke detectors but the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates only 15 percent have a CO detector. It is important to have a detector in your home to alert you when the gas is present but taking the precautionary steps to prevent CO poisoning is key to you and your family's safety.

Topics For Home Owners, Buyers & Sellers

Susie Dixon - Keller Williams

Preparing your home for sale in a buyer's market can seem daunting, but these five tips will help you get the best price in the least amount of time.

- Organizing and cleaning is crucial when prepping a home for sale. Potential home buyers have a more positive reaction to homes that are clutter-free and give them the feeling that the home is "move-in ready"
- Presale home inspection can inform you of any trouble areas within your home that can stand out to potential buyers. An inspection can also help you make any repairs necessary before future open houses.
- Determine replacement estimates before listing your home, even if you are not planning on making the replacements yourself. This information can help buyers to make informed decisions.
- Have your warranties ready - especially for all those home appliances that will stay within the home after the sale.
- Curb appeal is a crucial factor because it determines first impressions. A negative first impression can cloud their entire opinion about the home.

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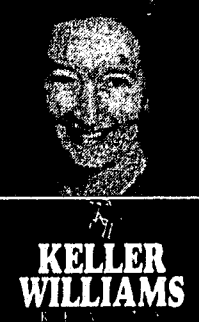
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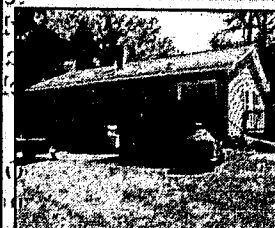
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Obituaries

ALICE COX WILSON

Alice V. Cox Wilson, 78, of Seymour, Ind., and formerly of Andover, Maine, went to be with her Lord Friday, Feb. 25, 2011 at the Seymour Medical Center, Seymour, Ind.

She was born in East Concord, N.H., Nov. 15, 1932, and was the daughter of Jesse and Helen (Lord) Riendeau. She had attended schools in New Hampshire and Maine and received her GED at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel.

Alice worked at Bass Shoe in Rumford, the Madison Motel and Restaurant, the Four Seasons B & B in Bethel, and for Jim Littlefield's Saw Mill in Andover and then in housekeeping at the Rumford Hospital until retirement in 1995.

Alice was a former member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Seymour, Ind., and the Calvary Bible Church in South Andover, and was a member of

the Grayford Road Church in Vernon, Ind., and also attended the Trinity Baptist Church and the Lowell Baptist Church in Columbus, Ind. She loved to knit, sew and crochet, and loved the outdoors.

Alice married Daniel L. Cox, who died in 1982, and was later married in 2006 to Garlan Wilson, who died in 2009.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Bertha Grover and husband, Douglas, of Bryant Pond, Sharon Cox of Jay, Brenda Sessions and husband Floyd of Seymour, Ind.; son, Daniel Cox of Andover; sisters, Mary Gray of Charlestown, N.H., Jean Rood and husband, Ronald, of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Sheila Knight and husband, Ernest, of Davidson, N.C., Linda McCormack of Concord, N.H., Carol Clark and husband, Dennis, of Stoddard, N.H.; brothers, Bruce Riendeau and wife, Katherine, of Loxahatchee, Fla., Ronald Riendeau of Barefoot Bay, Fla., John Riendeau and wife, Amy, of New Boston, N.H.; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; husbands; daughters, Annie Cox and Sandra Cox Rowell; sister, Marion Windsor; brothers, Earl, Paul, Jesse and Walter Riendeau; and a granddaughter, Kayla Cox.

Friends are invited to visit the family guest book, share memories, condolences and their thoughts online at www.meaderandson.com.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. A time of sharing will also be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Lowell Baptist Church, South Line Drive and 100 West Lowell Addition, Columbus, Ind. Those who desire, please contribute to Brenda Sessions, 10373 North US Hwy 31, Seymour, Ind 47274 in her memory.

COLWYN F. HASKELL

Colwyn F. Haskell, 78, of Paradise Hill, Bethel, died on March 1, 2011 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

He was born on May 20, 1932, the son of Claude and Josephine Haskell. He graduated from Norway High School as the Valedictorian of the Class of 1950, married his beloved high school sweetheart, Judith Esther Klain, and attended the University of Maine, where he earned his master's degree in chemical engineering.

During his college years, he was a member of Phi Eta Kappa and he captained the cross country and the indoor and outdoor track teams. He was a lifelong supporter of both the academic and athletic efforts of the university.

After graduating from the university, he took employment with Oxford Paper Co. in Rumford, where he worked until his retirement in 1991. Wyn and Judy moved to Bethel in 1956, working hard to design and have built their house on Paradise Hill, where they raised their son, James, and daughter, Kathryn. In 1974, they brought teen-aged Jeanie Manson into their home, so that she might finish high school in her hometown, thereby acquiring a third child: truly their "chosen" daughter.

Colwyn Haskell was a proud 33rd Degree Mason, serving more than 50 years in many leadership positions, in Blue Lodge Bethel 97, Oxford Chapter 29, Oxford Council 14, District and Grand Chapter of Maine; Commandery, Red Cross of Constantine and Scottish Rite.

He was an avid downhill skier all his life, serving on the ski patrol at Sunday River, where he was rightly famous for his fast and fear-

less runs down the mountain. He taught his children to ski and proudly watched his son, James, win races on high school courses around the state. When the time came, he funded his grandchildren's skiing at Sunday River as well. He dearly loved a succession of four foolish English Springer Spaniels over the years on Paradise Hill, spoiling them rotten and enjoying their antics around the house and yard that he so carefully maintained.

Colwyn faced the greatest challenge of his life when he suddenly lost his wife, Judith, in December 2005. He made his family proud by the way he bore this loss, leaving us all with an example of courage, duty and good "Maine grit" that we will take with us through the years. We are grateful for the constant support of his Masonic brotherhood; for the fond and watchful eyes of friends and fellow-skiers Murray and Barbara Gross; and to all the good neighbors of Bethel who—in the best tradition of small-town life—made sure his days included the touch of their friendship and concern.

He will live always in the hearts of his son, James A. Haskell and his wife Jane and their family; daughter, Kathryn H. Davis and her husband, Michael; his grandchildren, Alexander H. Davis and his wife, Meg, Nora Davis, and Owen Davis; daughter, Jean M. Waite and her husband, Greg; also grieving his loss are his sister-in-law, Joyce Wilson and her husband George of Bloomington, Ind., and Norway Lake and their family.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Francis Kieliszek of Oxford Hills Internal Medicine and Dr. Lauren Michelakes and the nurses at Maine Med-

ical Center. The wonderful staff of Hospice House in Auburn offered us peace and comfort in Dad's final hours such as we could never have imagined. There are no words to express our gratitude for their gift.

There will be no public services. Those who wish may make contributions in memory of Colwyn F. Haskell to the Hospice House of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, Maine or to a Masonic charity of their choice. At his request we will join his ashes with those of his beloved Judy, at their stone in Lakeview Cemetery in the summer. We will share some of his favorite strawberry-rhubarb pie, and think of Wyn and Judy picnicking in that field above Little Pennessewassee when they were young and in love.

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March 3, 2011

Re: Subdivision-Dream Maker

Dear Sir or Madam:

On February 16, 2011 Sunday River Skiway Corporation presented an application for a subdivision to the Newry Planning Board at their regular meeting. The proposed subdivision will be located on woodland adjacent to the South Ridge Townhomes and straddling the Ridge Run trail. The proposed subdivision will be developed in two phases, and consist of 13 single family residential lots. A complete application for this proposed project is available at the town office. If you wish to comment on this proposed project please send your responses directly to the Planning Board at the address below, or by fax at 207-824-3688.

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Joseph Aloisio Jr.
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Births

Susan Santucci-Parr and Andrew Parr of Bethel are pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy, Harrison Steven Parr, on Feb. 2, 2011, at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Steven and Barbara Santucci of Yardley, Pa.

Paternal grandparents are Lynne Stevens of Rockland and Randall Parr of Appleton. Great grandparents are Evelyn Eilers of Owl's Head and Dorothy Stevens of Rockland.

Armand and Heather Deschene of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Robin Elizabeth Deschene, born Feb. 18, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Geoffrey and Heidi Inman, Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Gerald and Jane Deschene of Poland, Maine.

Robin Elizabeth joins her brother and sister, Conner and Heather.

Meagan L. Danforth of Bryant Pond and Stephen M. Vozzella of Malden, Mass., are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Bella Rose Vozzella, born Feb. 18, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Donna and Bruce Danforth of Bryant Pond and great-grandmother, Olive Danforth of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Karen and Albert Vozzella of Malden, Mass.

Bella Rose joins her brother, Andrew A. Vozzella, age 8½.

The Family Of Rodney H. Hanscom, Sr.

Wishes to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, visits, phone calls and cards received at this time of sadness.

A special thanks goes out to our West Bethel Union Church Family. Pastor John Williams, Beacon Hospice, American Legion Post #68, Dr. Medd & Staff, and Greenleaf Funeral home.

Sincerely,
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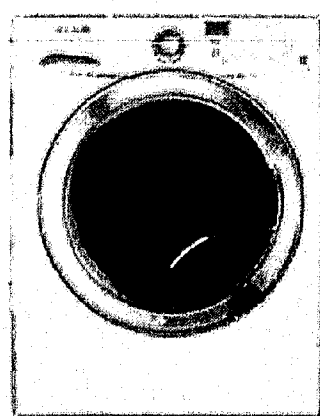
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